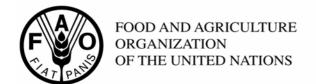
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TO: Codex Contact Points

Interested International Organizations

FROM: Secretary, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

FAO, 00100 Rome, Italy

SUBJECT: Request for Comments on the Discussion Paper on Risk Management

Strategies for Salmonella spp. in Poultry

DEADLINE: 15 October 2003

COMMENTS: To: Copy to: Dr L. Plym Forshell, Secretary

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BACKGROUND

At its 35th session in Orlando the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene decided that the Discussion Paper on Risk Management Strategies for *Salmonella* spp. in Poultry (CX/FH 03/5 - Add.1) should be revised for further consideration at the next CCFH session by an established Drafting Group for that purpose. Specifically the Drafting Group was ask to:

- refine and prioritize possible interventions throughout the food chain with the potential for risk reduction, with a view of formulating questions to risk assessors to be dealt with in modelling risk
- encourage inputs from experts on aspects throughout the food chain and scientific expertise
- risk management/risk assessment should be further developed

A number of risk management interventions that can be used at various stages in the food-chain are listed in the Discussion Paper.

The Drafting Group is interested to learn of any available data concerning the effect of any of these (or other) specific risk management interventions taken at any point in the food chain on either:

- flock prevalence
- prevalence of infected birds after processing

- Salmonella concentration on the carcasses after chilling
- the incidence of human salmonellosis

The Drafting Group is also interested to receive information from different countries on the observed/expected importance of various routes for introduction of *Salmonella* spp. into flocks, e.g. feed, replacement birds, vectors, etc.

Finally the Drafting Group also welcomes guidance on the prioritisation of the suggested intervention strategies as well as suggestions on intervention strategies where a further risk assessment/risk modelling would be useful.

Governments and international organizations that can provide information or suggestions on these items are kindly asked to do so in writing, preferably by e-mail, to the above addresses, <u>before 15</u> October 2003.